### GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH ABSTRACT

Public Services – Registration & Stamps Department - Surprise check conducted by ACB officials over the O/o Sub Registrar, Nuzividu, Krishna District on 07.06.2010 – Departmental proceedings initiated against Sri A.Purnachandra Rao, former Sub Registrar, Nuzividu, Krishna District and 2 others – Written Statement of Defence submitted – Regular Enquiry Officer appointed – Report submitted – Disciplinary case finalized – Imposition of Punishment of 25 % cut in pension permanently – Orders - Issued.

#### **REVENUE (VIGILANCE-II) DEPARTMENT**

G.O.Rt.No.1156.

Dated: 29.12.2014.

Read the following:-

1. DG, ACB Lr.Rc.No.34/DES-VKI/2010, dated: 29.10.2010.

- 2. Govt., Memo.No.50745/Vig.VI (1)/2010-1, dated: 12.01.2011.
- 3. DIG, R&S, Vijayawada charge Memo.No.E1/139/2010, dated: 01.03.2011.
- 4. DIG, R&S, Vijayawada Procs.No.E1/139/2010, dated: 06.04.2011.
- 5. DR, (MV&A), Vijayawada (REO) report dated: 28.01.2012.
- 6. DIG, R&S, Vijayawada, Lr.No.Supdt./139/2010, dated: 23.02.2012 along with Enquiry Report.
- 7. C&IG, R&S, A.P., Hyderabad, Lr.No.Vig.3/8433/2010, dated: 09.04.2012.
- 8. Govt.Memo.No.50745/Vig.VI (1)/2010-2, dated: 06.07.2012.
- 9. DIG, R&S, Vijayawada, Lr.No.Supdt./139/2010, dated: 31.01.2013 along with explanation of Sri A.Purnachandra Rao, former SR (Retd.) dated: 03.01.2013.
- 10. C&IG, R&S, A.P., Hyderabad, Lr.No.Vig.3/8433/2010, dated: 27.02.2013.
- 11. C&IG, R&S, AP, Hyderabad, Lr.No.Vig.3/8433/2010, dated: 24.07.2013.
- 12. Govt., Memo.No.50745/Vig.II (1)/2010-5, dated: 25.04.2014.
- 13. C&IG Letter.No.Vig.3/8433/2010, dated: 16.05.2014 along with letter of DIG, R&S, Vijayawada, dated: 21.02.2014.
- 14. Explanation of Sri A.Purnachandra Rao, SR (Retd.) dated: 10.06.2014 through

the DIG, R&S, Vijayawada letter dated: 08.08.2014.

15. Secretary, APPSC, Hyderabad, Lr.No.1231/RT/1/2014, dated: 01.12.2014.

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#### **ORDER:**

In the reference 1<sup>st</sup> read above, it was brought to the notice of the Government that a surprise check was conducted by the Anti Corruption Bureau over the Office of the Sub Registrar, Nuzividu, Krishna District on 07.06.2010 and found certain irregularities and recommended to initiate departmental action for major penalty against Sri A.Purnachandra Rao, former Sub Registrar, Nuzividu (now Retired) and two others.

2. And whereas, as per the instructions of the Government in the reference 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, the Disciplinary Authority i.e., Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Vijayawada had framed the following charge against Sri A.Purnachandra Rao, former Sub Registrar, Nuzividu (now Retired) under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 among others.

# <u>Charges against Sri A.Purnachandra Rao, former Sub Registrar, Nuzividu (now</u> Retired)

"He while functioning as Sub Registrar, Nuzividu, Krishna District committed grave misconduct in as much as he is abused of his official position during the surprise check, it was found that the G.S. (1) engaged and allowed a

private person to collect excess amounts / bribes on his behalf from the members of public who approach him for registration of documents and other officials favours and on his direction, a private person collected an amount of Rs.5,450/- on the day of surprise check on 7.6.2010 from the members of public as illegal gratification. (2) was found with an un-accounted cash of Rs.12,000/-near his right leg on the floor near his office chair on the raised podium the presence of which could not be explained and (3) failed to maintain Account 'A' Register and Account 'D' Register (General search application forms) properly in the office of Sub Registrar Office , Nuzividu on 07.06.2010 and failed to maintain integrity in violation of the provision of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964."

- 3. The charged officer submitted Written Statement of Defense. Having not convinced with the Written Statement of Defences, the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Vijayawada had ordered for a Regular Enquiry by appointing the District Registrar (MV&A), Vijayawada, as Regular Enquiry Officer in the reference 4<sup>th</sup> read above.
- 4. The Regular Enquiry Officer submitted his report holding that the  $1^{st}$  and  $2^{nd}$  part of the charge held not proved and  $3^{rd}$  part of the charge partially proved against Sri A.Purnachandra Rao, former Sub Registrar, Nuzividu (Retired) in the reference  $5^{th}$  read above.
- 5. Government after careful examination of the matter had disagreed with the findings of the Regular Enquiry Officer and directed the Disciplinary Authority to communicate the disagreement factors to the Charged Officer in the reference 8<sup>th</sup> read above among others. The Disciplinary Authority communicated the same and obtained explanation of the Charged Officer and forwarded to Government for taking further action in the matter.
- 6. Government have examined the representation of the Charged Officer in detail and provisionally decided to impose a penalty of 25 % cut in pension permanently against Sri A.Purnachandra Rao, former Sub Registrar, Nuzividu (Retired).
- 7. Accordingly, a Show Cause Notice has been issued with a direction to show cause as to why the proposed punishment should not be imposed against him under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980, if any within 15 days from the date of receipt of the memo in the reference 12<sup>th</sup> read above.
- 8. The Charged Officer submitted explanation and requested the Government, to drop the proposed punishment and issue orders for drawal of his full pensionery benefits in the reference 14<sup>th</sup> read above. Government have examined the matter and observed that the Charged Officer has not put forth any new grounds except certain case laws.
- 9. Government after careful examination of the matter have decide to confirm the provisional decision i.e. to impose a penalty of 25 % cut in pension permanently against Sri A.Purnachandra Rao, former Sub Registrar, Nuzividu (now Retired). In the reference 15<sup>th</sup> read above, the Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission agreed with the proposal of the Government (copy enclosed).
- 10. Accordingly, Government, hereby order to impose a punishment of 25 % cut in pension permanently against Sri A.Purnachandra Rao, former Sub Registrar, Nuzividu, Krishna district (now Retired).

11. The Commissioner and Inspector General, Registration and Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad / Deputy Inspector General, Registration and Stamps, Vijayawada shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

### (BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

# S.P.SINGH PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

#### To

The Commissioner and Inspector General,

Registration and Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

The Deputy Inspector General, Registration and Stamps, Vijayawada.

The Individual (w.e)

(through the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Vijayawada with a request to served the order and furnish the served copy with dated acknowledgement for record)

#### Copy to:

The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner,

Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, Hyderabad.

The Director General,

Anti-Corruption Bureau, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad

The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, Hyderabad SF/SC.

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**SECTION OFFICER**